

# **READY FOR SEA**

**Seventeenth Coast Guard District** 

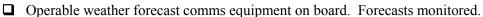
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<u>Weather</u> : Evaluated weather forecast. Vessel and crew can handle safely! Can monitor weather reports at sea.
<u>Crew</u> : Trained and drilled in operation of vessel and safety equipment. Work schedule minimizes fatigue.
<b>Stability:</b> Scuppers and freeing ports clear. Gear, catch and hatches secured. Limit accumulation of ice.
EPIRB and Communications: Equipment tested. EPIRB armed and mounted properly.  Emergency Call: VHF channel 16  Equipment tested. EPIRB armed and mounted properly.  HF frequency 2182 or 4125
Immersion Suits: Crew has donned suits to ensure proper fit & good condition. Suits accessible and lights attached.
<b>Survival Craft:</b> Capacity for entire crew. Serviced, properly installed and crew trained to launch.
<u>PFDs Worn on Deck</u> : Crew knows to wear PFDs or inflatable suspenders with lights on deck during high risk operations.
<u>Damage Control</u> : Bilge pumps work. Damage control equipment on board and crew trained in use.
<u>Fire Fighting</u> : Adequate number of serviced fire extinguishers on board and crew trained in fire fighting.
Safety Exam: I conducted "Ready for Sea" deck walk/safety inspection and determined vessel safe to sail.

# Ready for Sea Safety Factors

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☐ Weather checked and evaluated. Vessel and crew can handle conditions.



# **CREW**

Drills conducted with every person on board (monthly).
■ Work scheduled to minimize fatigue.
■ Experienced crewmember checked & corrected deck/pot/fishing hazard
☐ Crew knows where the safety gear is and how to use it.

#### STABILITY/OVERLOADING

Hatches operable and secured to ensure the vessel is watertight.
Freeing ports unblocked to allow free flow of water off deck.
Deck loads & bait shacks properly secured so that they won't break loose.
Bin boards in place to keep the load from shifting.
Vessel tanked to reduce free surface effect (fuel, water and catch not freely moving in tank)
Stability book up-to-date and vessel operated in accordance with guidelines.

# EPIRBS & COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

ч	406 MHz EPIRB tested within past 30 days, properly mounted and in the ARMED position.
	Communications equipment operable and adequate for voyage.
	Every person on board knows how to make a distress call and the frequencies to be used.
	Emergency power for communications equipment and/or back up handheld VHF radio on board.

### **IMMERSION SUITS**

One for every person on board. Stowed in readily accessible location.
Each person donned to ensure proper fit and able to quickly don in an emergency.
Suits serviceablezippers waxed and operable, inflation bladder & lights attached.

## **SURVIVAL CRAFT**

Large enough to carry every person on board.
If craft is a liferaft, serviced within the past 12 months.
Every person on board knows how to launch the survival craft.
Properly installed so it will deploy in an emergency.

#### PFD/WORK VEST

Crewmembers wear flotation [suspenders, float coats, etc.] when on deck in hazardous condition.
Personal marker lights [strobe, fixed bright, etc] attached to the flotation devices.

### **DAMAGE CONTROL**

Damage control kits with plugs, wedges, etc. on board and crew trained in use.
High water alarms operable. Bilge pumps adequate and operable.
Shaft and rudder post(s) checked to ensure no or only minimal leakage.

### **FIRE FIGHTING**

Ц	Adequate number of serviceable fire extinguishers on board	d.
	Crewmembers trained to extinguish a shipboard fire.	

# **SAFETY EXAM**

Vessel examined by a Coast Guard dockside examiner, classification society, or third party organization to
ensure vessel is <b>READY FOR SEA!!!</b>

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<sup>■</sup> Safety deficiencies corrected and vessel safe to sail.